The Pacific Vision Eye Institute
Thanks to our donors, PVF related programs provided over 7,000 sight-saving patient visits in 2019 - a 60% increase over 2018

- **Total Patient visits**: 7,478
- **Lions Eye Clinic Patient visits**: 4,198
- **Community Clinic Patient visits**: 2,740
- **Low Vision Patient visits**: 540
- **In-Office Procedures & Surgeries**: 1,350
ABOUT US

OUR MISSION
Excellent eye care for all regardless of ability to pay.

Pacific Vision Eye Institute is dedicated to providing state-of-the-art, comprehensive eye care to all regardless of income. Headquartered in the heart of San Francisco near the Civic Center, the Eye Institute is much greater than the walls that encompass the building at 711 Van Ness. The Eye Institute is a comprehensive eye center, providing the highest level of patient care, medical education and community service led by world renowned ophthalmologists.

Pacific Vision Foundation is the funding body behind the Pacific Vision Eye Institute. Inspired by the Aravind Eye Care System in India, known for its groundbreaking business model providing high volume, high quality and affordable eye care, Pacific Vision Foundation is pioneering an innovative social model to provide eye care for all.

PACIFIC VISION EYE INSTITUTE
IS HOME TO
CPMC Dept of Ophthalmology Residency and
· Fellowship Programs. With a national reputation for educating leaders and distinguished clinical physicians, the Department offers fellowships in retina, oculoplasty and research.

· Lions Eye Foundation Clinic. Where uninsured and underserved patients are seen and treated by residents and volunteer faculty. With around 4,200 patient visits per year, LEF has restored sight to thousands of patients for free.

· Frank Stein and Paul S. May Center for Low Vision Rehabilitation. Helps visually impaired individuals achieve maximum independence. PVF provides critical support to this unique resource.

· Eye Care Specialists. Physicians, optometrists and technicians serve patients and support the residency education program in the Lions Eye Clinic, in surgery and by hosting residents in their practices.

· Ophthalmic Diagnostic Services. A treasured resource for community eye doctors, the skilled ODS team is on the leading edge of imaging technology, offering more than 20 different diagnostic modalities.

· Community Clinic Outreach. Pacific Vision Eye Institute partners with two federally qualified health centers to bring eye care services to under-served communities.


WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE
Most visual problems are treatable or preventable. Yet thousands in our community cannot afford eye care, and the need grows each day.

In spring 2020, we will open our new state-of-the-art eye surgery center! With your support, low income patients will receive the same high level of surgical care as private patients of faculty clinicians. In addition, plans are being developed for collaborating with additional community clinics across the nine Bay Area Counties and beyond, to provide access to care to those in need. We’ll need additional facilities, resources and funding for those who lack financial means.
Dear Friends,

Thank you for a wonderful 2019! This past year saw tremendous growth for Pacific Vision Foundation (PVF), the Pacific Vision Eye Institute and its partners.

PVF related programs delivered 7,478 patient visits and 1,350 surgical procedures to needy patients, significantly increasing our impact.

Work progressed on the new Pacific Vision Surgery Center at 711 Van Ness Avenue. This state-of-the-art resource will serve faculty, residents, fellows and community ophthalmologists. As of the date of this publication, construction has been completed and the accreditation process is underway. Stay tuned for the grand opening in spring 2020!

Our June Barkan Symposium and Fundraising Gala was a huge success. Following outstanding research presentations by our residents — on such topics as cannabidiol use in blepharospasm and cross-linking in pediatric patients with KCN — our guest speaker, Dr. Aaron Lee of University of Washington, spoke of applications of AI deep learning in ophthalmology. Guests at our gala dinner journeyed from as far away as Nigeria to fete our Chair Emeritus, Dr. Bruce Spivey, paying tribute to his many accomplishments in the field of ophthalmology and his vision for Pacific Vision Eye Institute.

The CPMC ophthalmology residency program, proudly supported by PVF, remains extremely competitive: 400+ applicants for only 3 slots. The retina and oculoplasty fellowships are highly sought-after. Our faculty is incomparable. Remember, you can watch our recorded grand round lectures on our Vimeo channel anytime here.

And central to all of our activities are the patients we serve. Read about two of our patients, Steve M. and Khosrow B., who, thanks to Eye Institute practitioners, are on the way to recovery and increased independence.

Thanks to you, our donors and our partners, 2019 was a year of great success and progress.

Much work remains to be done in the coming years and with your continued support, together we can deliver excellent eye care to all members of our community.

With sincere thanks,

Ellen E. Jamason
CEO, Pacific Vision Foundation
VISION FOR 2020

Dear Friends,

2020 has been declared the Year of Clarity—and we at Pacific Vision Foundation are working to make this so.

Building upon the vision of our founders, including Drs. Bruce Spivey, Wayne Fung and Robert Webster (all of whom continue to serve on our board), we have established Pacific Vision Eye Institute as a center for ophthalmology excellence in the SF Bay Area. We appreciate the expertise and dedication of all Eye Institute practitioners, who put their patients’ interests first.

Most vision loss can be prevented through timely diagnosis and early treatment. However, thousands of our neighbors remain untreated because they cannot afford adequate eye care. Here, we provide the highest levels of eye care for all, for those who can afford and choose to go anywhere around the world—as well as for those who cannot afford to pay for care at all.

2020 is an important turning point for Pacific Vision Foundation. This spring, we launch the Pacific Vision Surgery Center, which will allow us to expand our services to uninsured and low-income patients. The Surgery Center is a convenient state-of-the-art facility, right down the hall from the CPMC/Lions Eye Foundation Clinic where PVF supported residents and fellows see patients under supervision of the clinical faculty.

With our new capabilities, we will expand our engagement with community clinics to bring eye care to underserved communities around the Bay Area.

Many thanks to all of you who support Pacific Vision Foundation and have made the Surgery Center possible. Great strides have been accomplished over the years, and, with your help, 2020 can be even more impactful.

With gratitude,

Francine M. Miltenberger
Chair, Board of Directors, Pacific Vision Foundation
Pacific Vision Surgery Center (PVSC) is scheduled to open its doors in spring 2020!

The new surgery center at the Eye Institute headquarters, 711 Van Ness Avenue, SF, will provide the highest level of care to all: Private patients of faculty and community ophthalmologists, as well as patients referred from underserved communities, including patients of the Lions Eye Clinic, located right down the hall from the surgery center.

The center includes two fully equipped operating rooms; a laser/procedure room, eight pre- and post-operative bays; and an inviting reception area.

“The opening of the Pacific Vision Surgery Center is made possible by a tremendous collaboration of like-minded groups and individuals with a mission to provide state-of-the-art quality eye surgery to the Bay Area, regardless of ability to pay. I am excited, honored, and humbled to be a part of this momentous occasion,” commented PVSC Medical Director Dr. Margaret Liu.

Pacific Vision Foundation has pledged $1.5 million over five years to a Patient Assistance Fund supporting surgeries for patients who cannot afford sight-saving surgery. Generous donors who have supported capital investment in the surgery center and the Patient Assistance Fund include the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation, the Lions Eye Foundation, the Hearst Foundations, the Herbst Foundation and many individual donors.

Studies show that surgeries performed in ambulatory surgery centers are more efficient, take significantly less time than in hospital outpatient departments, and as a result are more cost-effective.

“For the patient, an ophthalmic surgery center such as PVSC is the best environment for most eye surgeries, because all members of the staff—nurses, technicians and support staff—are experts in eye surgeries, rather than the generalists one needs in multi-specialty hospital operating rooms,” commented PVSC Assistant Medical Director Dr. Kevin Lee. “PVSC is a tremendous resource for our community.”
STEVE M. grew up on the warm, sunny beaches of Florida during a time when people did not wear sunscreen. Unfortunately the sun exposure has come back to plague Steve with numerous skin cancers. Of all the locations one could develop a skin cancer, Steve never thought that his eyes would be affected.

Steve developed a basal cell carcinoma, a cancerous growth, caused in large part by sun exposure, on his lower eyelid. The growth had to be removed. His dermatologist performed the removal via Mohs surgery. The growth was large and required a significant portion (nearly all) of his lower eyelid to be excised; much more than had been anticipated by his dermatologist. In the absence of an eyelid the cornea would dry out, become scarred and even risk the development of an ulcer, severely threatening Steve’s vision. The very capable dermatologist was unable to repair the delicate eyelid structures and referred Steve immediately to Dr. Rona Silkiss, eye patch and all. Within 48 hours Steve underwent the first of a two-stage surgery to reconstruct his absent lower lid. The procedure used was a Hughes eyelid flap. In this surgery, the back portion of the upper eyelid is used as a donor site to reconstruct the lower eyelid. A skin graft is applied. After two weeks, the pedicle graft from the upper to lower eyelid is separated and a new lower eyelid formed. Interestingly, 30 years ago Dr. Silkiss studied these grafts and determined that the pedicle could be opened at two weeks rather than the traditional three months.

Steve is thrilled with the results: “If I didn’t tell people that I had surgery, then they never would’ve even known.”

Dr. Silkiss is one of the few Oculofacial Plastic surgeons in the Bay Area. This unique specialty treats all conditions both cosmetic and functional related to the entire area of and around the eyes. This knowledge is communicated to our residents via the CPMC training program for which Dr. Silkiss has been the Chief of the Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Division for over 20 years.

“I don’t believe in coincidences, I know it was faith that everything lined up and Dr. Silkiss was available to perform my surgery, just when I critically needed it.”
“Pacific Vision Eye Institute is such an innovative organization and I am truly impressed by the Institute’s doctors and its accomplishments to make this vision a reality. The goal of providing high quality eye care to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, is inspiring and is what motivates me to give.”

Marty Roher has known since he was a boy that eyesight cannot be taken for granted. That is why he and his wife Anne choose to invest in the Pacific Vision Eye Institute with a significant annual contribution and Marty accepted his recent appointment as Secretary of the Pacific Vision Foundation Board.

Marty grew up on Long Island, New York. When he was sixteen years old, he was in a car accident as a passenger. He lost his right eye, the right side of his face was smashed, and both of his legs were broken. He received an artificial eye, underwent six surgeries and had to be home-schooled for the rest of that year. It was a devastating set-back for Marty and his family, yet he remembers feeling so grateful to have lived.

“My family always taught me that if you’re lucky enough to be successful, then you need to give back. PVF is a good opportunity for me to do that. I hope you will too!”
“I tell people sometimes when you’re older you just need to know when to get help and that you have to just go to The Eye Institute!”

**KHOSROW B.** is profoundly visually impaired – He lost all the vision in one eye from a car accident in his youth and his “better eye” suffers from advanced glaucoma. He has lived in San Francisco for decades and has relied heavily on memorization of bus routes and the street grid to get around.

Then came the construction boom in San Francisco. Suddenly bus stops were relocated, sidewalks blocked and unanticipated obstructions everywhere. Buses dropped him off in different locations, barriers and detours made his memorized routes impassable. Khosrow felt lost in his own city. He would try to use his cell phone, but could only receive phone calls because he could not see the buttons well enough to dial. He was struggling to communicate with the outside world.

Dr. Margaret Liu, Khosrow’s ophthalmologist treating his glaucoma, referred him to Dr. Tiffany Chan at the Frank Stein and Paul S. May Center for Low Vision Rehabilitation. Soon, his entire outlook on life changed. Dr. Chan recalls that when she met Mr. B., “he was very isolated because he couldn’t see well enough to connect with people other than in-person.” After his first appointment and realizing that he could no longer complete daily activities successfully, Dr. Chan provided Khosrow with low vision tools and enrolled him into classes at the Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Without Dr. Chan’s recommendation for the education program and the constant assessment of Khosrow’s needs, Lighthouse would not have been an option for him.

Now a year and a half later, Khosrow can utilize his cell phone to make calls, schedule appointments and listen to voicemails. Using voice commands on his cell phone, he is able to access the internet and with the power of artificial intelligence, can read printed documents and shop with ease at the grocery store. Khosrow is eager to learn more from Dr. Chan and his instructor at Lighthouse. “Dr. Chan is like an angel and I am looking forward to my next appointment.”

At the Stein May Center for Low Vision Rehabilitation, Dr. Tiffany Chan and Dr. Donald Fletcher are providing life-changing care to those who are visually impaired due to macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and many other diseases. The physicians offer a comprehensive approach to help individuals achieve maximum independence with the latest technology and resources. Pacific Vision Foundation is proud to provide critical support to this unique center at 711 Van Ness Avenue.
The Barkan Society gained renewed energy in 2019 with co-chairs Drs. Ivan Schwab and Charlene Hsu-Winges leading the Barkan Society Advisor Council. Other members of the council include: Drs. Susan Day, Kevin Denny, Anne Fung, Melanie Hom, Bruce Spivey and Charles Zacks and Steven Young, BCO.

Each summer, the Barkan Society hosts a scientific symposium, featuring the research projects of current residents, and a guest lecturer addressing the latest discoveries in ophthalmology. A Barkan Society reception is also held each year during the annual conference of the American Academy of Ophthalmology— in Las Vegas in 2020.

Barkan Day June 15, 2019 kicked off with a special guest lecture from BGK Ajayi, MD of Nigeria’s Eleta Eye Institute. The symposium featured innovative presentations from the residents and a delve into AI deep learning and vision science with Aaron Lee, MD, MSCI of the University of Washington. Residents’ research addressed a wide range of topics including: cannabidiol use in blepharospasm; epithelium-on corneal cross-linking (TE-CXL) for pediatric keratoconus and incidence of uveal melanoma in a closed, managed care USA population.

The fundraising gala drew a sell-out crowd of 300 guests to celebrate the distinguished honoree Bruce E. Spivey, MD. David Noonan, Aubrey Serfling, Bradley Straatsma, MD and BGK Ajayi, MD spoke highly of the internationally renowned ophthalmologist and the guests learned more about PVF’s mission and vision. With the help of an entertaining auctioneer - with a bidding war over Hamilton tickets! - and a heartfelt story shared by clinic patient Karen V., PVF exceeded its fundraising goals for this memorable evening.

On October 13, 2019 the Barkan Society hosted its annual reception in San Francisco and over 120 alumni and faculty were in attendance. A new patient video, produced by Pacific Vision Foundation, was debuted for the occasion and guests got to sneak a peek of the Pacific Vision Surgery Center.

See the video here.
FINANCIALS

2019 INCOME
$2,739,409

- Foundation 69.9%
- Individual 22.3%
- Corporate 2.2%
- Endowment 5.6%

2019 EXPENSES
$1,667,139

- Program 86%
- Management/General 14.4%
- Fundraising 7.6%

2018 INCOME
$2,190,073

- Foundation 52.9%
- Individual 24.5%
- Corporate 7.8%
- Endowment 14.9%

2018 EXPENSES
$1,194,352

- Program 87%
- Management/General 13.2%
- Fundraising 6.2%
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IN MEMORIAM

Paul Tornambe, MD passed away peacefully on December 23, 2019, with his wife, Deborah, and his children by his side.

According to Dr. Nikolas London, Paul battled idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis for several years. He approached these challenges the way he handled everything in life: with fortitude, resilience, and a sense of humor.

This is an enormous loss to ophthalmology, the profession that Paul loved so much. In a career that spanned 38 years, Paul proved himself to be an insightful mentor and a committed colleague. He always put the patient first, making himself available to anyone in need at any time of day. He contributed as much to the field of ophthalmology as to the patients he loyally served.

“Paul was an outstanding resident, a fun person to be with, an amazing contributor to national and international ophthalmology, particularly in retina, as well as a dedicated golfer. He was a very special person and he will be missed by all.”

- Dr. Bruce Spivey, Co-Founder of Pacific Vision Foundation

Frank Stein, MD died on April 20, 2019. He and his partner, Paul May, left this world a better place by their charitable deeds and extraordinary generosity.

Born in Brooklyn, Frank grew up in challenging financial circumstances. He helped earn money for the family shining shoes and delivering groceries. He met Paul after starting entry level work at Gimbels, thus beginning a lifelong, inseparable relationship. In the 60’s, they moved to San Francisco, established a thriving motel supply business, and invested in Bay Area real estate.

Their successful business endeavors enabled them to help people in need. Late in life Frank was diagnosed with glaucoma, which Paul also had contracted. To advance treatment for others suffering this condition they funded the Glaucoma Research Foundation and established the Frank Stein and Paul S. May Center for Low Vision Rehabilitation at the Pacific Vision Eye Institute.

We are honored to announce that Frank has endowed the Frank Stein and Paul S. May Director of the Pacific Vision Eye Institute.

Dr. Bruce Spivey said of Frank: “Frank Stein and his partner Paul May were extraordinary philanthropists. They have endowed our Low Vision Center a number of years ago and this latest endowment will provide services and support for visually impaired and disadvantaged patients for years.”
RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Pacific Vision Foundation is proud to support the California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) graduate medical education programs in ophthalmology, including the residency program and fellowships in retina, oculoplasty and research. The eye residency program is among the most competitive in the nation. Hundreds of promising students apply every year, but only three are accepted. Maintaining the high standards for which the program is renowned includes ensuring compliance with national accreditation criteria, collaborating with volunteer faculty to optimize the educational curriculum, and creating customized learning tracks that meet each resident’s unique educational needs.

Kasra Eliasieh, MD serves as Program Director for ophthalmology residents:

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